



Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services

101 Monroe Street, 12th Floor ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20850

Home Fire Safety Reference Guide

- ___ 1. Provide at least one approved portable fire extinguisher of a 2A 10BC or 3A 10BC rating in the home and be familiar with its operation.
- ___ 2. Ensure that all extinguishers are in proper operating condition and are readily accessible.
- ___ 3. Ensure that a fire escape plan has been provided for the home and an outside meeting place has been established.
- ___ 4. Ensure that all residents are acquainted with the fire escape plan through meetings and fire drills.
- ___ 5. Provide designated smoking areas within the home and provide proper ashtrays and non-combustible waste containers. Smoking should not be permitted in any sleeping areas.
- ___ 6. Ensure that address numbers are a minimum of 5 inches in height and readable from the street.*
(3 inches for houses built prior to 1988.)
- ___ 7. Provide at least two means of escape from each sleeping area.
(Window opening must be approximately 20" W x 24" H)
- ___ 8. Ensure that the bottoms of the windows located in the sleeping areas are not more than 44" above the floor. A platform or steps can be provided to meet this height requirement.
- ___ 9. Ensure that at least one U.L. approved smoke detector is provided on all levels of the home. The detectors must be located to protect all sleeping areas and stairs to other levels.*
- ___ 10. Maintain all smoke detectors and test them on a monthly basis. Replace batteries at least twice a year or as needed.
- ___ 11. Ensure that alternative heating appliances are used in a safe and proper manner.
- ___ 12. Ensure that general housekeeping and fire safety practices are in place.

**These items are required by Montgomery County Fire Code*

Home Owner: _____

Address: _____

Survey Officer: _____

Station/Shift: _____

Inspection Date: _____
